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The Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT) is pleased to present the results of its Transfer Patterns Study, Fall 2003. The tables in the study are based on reports from the post-secondary institutions as requested by ACAT. Starting in Fall 1979 and continuing each year, ACAT has collected data from institutional Contact Persons for its study of transfer patterns. These data now provide information over two decades regarding the volume of student transfer between and among post-secondary institutions in Alberta and from out-of-province post-secondary institutions. The study draws on reports from 31 participating institutions including 4 universities, 15 public colleges, 2 technical institutes, 6 private colleges with accredited degree programs, and 4 private colleges. Blue Quills First Nations College and Yellowhead Tribal College did not report for Fall 2003. Prairie Bible College reported for the first time in Fall 2003.

The attached Mobility Tables record the number of students admitted for the first time to their post-secondary institution during the Fall 2003 admission cycle who had reported prior post-secondary experience. The tables indicate the last post-secondary institution attended as the sending institution. Universities and private colleges with accredited degree programs are to include admissions to post-diploma degree programs and to exclude admissions to Graduate Studies and after degree programs. The Mobility Tables do not attempt to indicate whether these students received advance credit for their prior post-secondary experience. To provide perspective, ACAT also produces the "Transfer Patterns Studies, 1979-2003: Extracts by Sector" document, the tables of which have been extracted from the Mobility Tables of each annual Transfer Patterns Study.

Alberta College operated as a private college until August 2000 when it was taken over by the province of Alberta. Effective July 2002, most of its programs were assumed by Grant MacEwan College and offered at its Alberta College Campus. Transfer from Alberta College is reported in the 'Other' sector for this report.

Beginning with 2000 data for Athabasca University, a procedural change at the University has meant that comparability with previous years' data cannot be made. Athabasca University's procedures are attuned to its unique role, which typically enables students to begin a program at any time during the year. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed six credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU for the Transfer Patterns Study. Given these caveats, the reported results should be viewed as estimates rather than precise counts.

The following are highlights for Fall 2003:

Mobility Tables: Within Province Transfer

1. 9,827 students were admitted who had previously attended another Alberta post-secondary institution. The total represents a 6.0% increase over the previous year. More students transferred into universities, private colleges with accredited degree programs, private colleges and technical institutes than last year. Fewer students transferred into public colleges.
2. 4,953 students with prior post-secondary experience were admitted to universities. This is 50.4% of the province-wide total number of students admitted who had previously attended another Alberta post-secondary institution. The total is down 1.2% from the record of 5,011 set in 2000, but is up by 3.2% since last year.
3. Transfers to universities from the seven public colleges with University Transfer programs increased by 109 (3.4%) for a total of 3,310 students. In 2003, University Transfer programs were offered by Grande Prairie Regional College, Grant MacEwan College, Keyano College, Lakeland College, Medicine Hat College, Mount Royal College, and Red Deer College. Record numbers of students transferred to universities in 2003 from Grant MacEwan and Mount Royal.
4. Transfers to public colleges from other Alberta post-secondary institutions decreased by 172 (5.3%) in 2003 for a total of 3,076 students.
5. Transfers to technical institutes from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 409 (46.4%) in 2003 for a total of 1290 students.
6. Transfers to private colleges with accredited degree programs from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 147 (48.5%) in 2003 for a total of 450 students.
7. Transfers to private colleges from other Alberta post-secondary institutions increased by 19 (50.0%) in 2003 for a total of 58 students. Blue Quills First Nations College and Yellowhead Tribal College did not report in 2003, but Prairie Bible College did report for the first time.
8. In 2003, colleges and technical institutes admitted 4,424 students with prior post-secondary experience, which is 45.0% of the total number of students who transferred within Alberta. Universities and private colleges with accredited degree programs admitted 5,403 students, which is 55.0% of the total number of students who transferred within Alberta.

Summary of Within Province Transfer: 1979 to 2003

9. From 1979 to 2003, a total of 97,183 students transferred to universities.
10. From 1979 to 2003, a total of 48,267 students from the seven public colleges with University Transfer programs transferred to universities.
11. From 1979 to 2003 a total of 45,887 students transferred to public colleges.
12. From 1979 to 2003, a total of 32,400 students transferred to technical institutes.

13. From 1979 to 2003, the mobility tables record a total of 185,554 students who were admitted to participating post-secondary institutions with prior post-secondary experience.

Mobility Tables: Into Province Transfer

14. Transfers into the province in Fall 2003 numbered 4,071 students, a decrease of 274 or 6.3% over the previous year's total. Into-province transfers constitute 29.3% while transfers within the province constitute 70.7% of the combined total of 13,898 students who transferred in Fall 2003. In Fall 2002, into-province transfers constituted 31.9%, while transfers within the province constituted 68.1% of total transfers that year.
15. In 1979, 2,993 students transferred into the province. Into-province transfers constituted 49.2% of the combined total in 1979.

Transfer Within-Province

Top 10 Sending Institutions

Grant MacEwan	1,771 students
Mount Royal	1,255 students
University of Alberta	1,062 students
University of Calgary	717 students
Red Deer	739 students
NAIT	588 students
SAIT	476 students
University of Lethbridge	378 students
Grande Prairie	347 students
Medicine Hat	313 students

Top 10 Receiving Institutions

University of Alberta	2,489 students
University of Calgary	1,179 students
Grant MacEwan	1,119 students
University of Lethbridge	820 students
NAIT	804 students
Mount Royal	624 students
SAIT	486 students
Athabasca University	465 students
Red Deer	369 students
Lethbridge C.C.	361 students

To help track trends in student access, applications, admissions, mobility and transfer, ACAT continues to conduct applied research as part of its mandate on matters related to transfer of students among Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

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Mobility Tables

The following tables provide information about the volume and direction of post-secondary transfer traffic and are helpful to Council in determining its ongoing priorities. Annually since 1979 Council has been collecting information from each post-secondary institution about the number of students with prior post-secondary experience who move to another post-secondary institution. Each post-secondary institution was asked to record the number of students admitted for the first time to their institution during the Fall 2003 admission cycle who had reported prior post-secondary experience. Summary data by sector are presented on the following tables.

NOTE: These data do not indicate whether these students received advance credit for their prior post-secondary experience.

As well, the data do not indicate whether the prior post-secondary studies were used for admission to a program at the receiving institution.

As admission records vary among the diverse institutions reporting on the following tables, strict comparability may be difficult.

Furthermore, the reported totals may not fully reflect mobility as some admissions categories may be incompletely reported; for example, part-time students at non-university public institutions, visiting students, unclassified students, and students who are enrolled at two institutions at the same time.

As Athabasca University offers continuous admission, students often proceed one course at a time through completion of their program and so the distinction between "full-time" and "part-time" may not be appropriate. AU distinguished between "full-time" and "part-time" in its reports for 1993-1996. Since then, AU's entry has been displayed as "part-time" although it includes an undetermined, though probably small, number of "full-time" students. Because of its continuous admission policy, the Fall 2003 admission cycle is defined as the number of new students admitted to Athabasca University between 1 January 2003 through 30 September 2003. Prior to 1999, AU's reporting period covered the five month period from 1 May through 30 September.

MOBILITY TABLE 1
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to Alberta Universities
Fall 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION											
	AU		UofA		UofC		UofL		Total		GRAND	
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	TOTAL	
UNIVERSITIES												
Athabasca University			21	10	35	1	14		70	11	81	
University of Alberta			25		53		25	1	78	26	104	
University of Calgary			43	206	18		63	2	269	63	332	
The University of Lethbridge			9	88	14	33	3		121	26	147	
TOTAL	0	77	315	42	121	4	102	3	538	126	664	
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES												
NAIT			39	49	18	9	2	67	25	125	84	209
SAIT			38	11	3	87	7	42	9	140	57	197
TOTAL	0	77	60	21	96	9	109	34	265	141	406	
PUBLIC COLLEGES												
Alberta College of Art & Design			2		2	1	2		6	1	7	
Bow Valley College			12	1	4	1			5	13	18	
Fairview College			1				3		4	0	4	
Grande Prairie Regional College			9	184	6	11		16	211	15	226	
Grant MacEwan College			42	1,042	97	48	1	94	6	1,184	146	1,330
Keyano College			3	49	1	2		8	59	4	63	
Lakeland College			7	39	2	2		10	51	9	60	
Lethbridge Community College			50	11	2	8	1	129	6	148	59	207
Medicine Hat College			15	47	6	76	1	63	2	186	24	210
Mount Royal College			135	74	3	549	38	124	10	747	186	933
NorQuest College			2	1	1	1			2	3	5	
Northern Lakes College			1			2			2	1	3	
Olds College			3	4	1	2		16	22	4	26	
Portage College						2			2	0	2	
Red Deer College			18	289	12	109	3	56	1	454	34	488
TOTAL	0	297	1,744	131	818	46	521	25	3,083	499	3,582	
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES												
Augustana University College			2	43	5	2		6	51	7	58	
Canadian University College			2						2	0	2	
Concordia University College of Alberta			56	16	2		2		60	16	76	
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary					3	1			3	1	4	
The King's University College			15	2					15	2	17	
Nazarene University College			2		1		1		4	0	4	
Taylor University College and Seminary			9	1	2		1		12	1	13	
TOTAL	0	2	127	24	10	1	10	0	147	27	174	
PRIVATE COLLEGES												
Blue Quills First Nations College			1						1	0	1	
Maskwachees Cultural College			2		6				8	0	8	
Prairie Bible College			2				3		5	0	5	
Rocky Mountain College			1		5		1		6	1	7	
St. Mary's College			5	2	42	1	11		55	6	61	
Yellowhead Tribal College				5					5	0	5	
TOTAL	0	6	12	0	53	1	15	0	80	7	87	
OTHER												
			6	8	5	17	3	1	26	14	40	
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	0	465	2,266	223	1,115	64	758	62	4,139	814	4,953	
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	0	556	681	156	558	28	222	20	1,461	760	2,221	
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	0	1,021	2,347	379	1,673	92	980	82	5,600	1,574	7,174	

NOTE: AU's data are reported as "part-time" though they may include some "full-time" students. Due to recent procedural changes at AU, the number of students reported to be transferring "into-Province" is sharply lower than 1999. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU.

MOBILITY TABLE 2

RECEIVING INSTITUTION

MOBILITY TABLE 3
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Technical Institutes
Fall 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION					
	NAIT		SAIT		Total	GRAND
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T. TOTAL
UNIVERSITIES						
Athabasca University	11		5		16	0 16
University of Alberta	298		22		320	0 320
University of Calgary	18		125		143	0 143
The University of Lethbridge	3		10		13	0 13
TOTAL	330	0	162	0	492	0 492
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES						
NAIT			16		16	0 16
SAIT	34				34	0 34
TOTAL	34	0	16	0	50	0 50
PUBLIC COLLEGES						
Alberta College of Art & Design	1		3		4	0 4
Bow Valley College			4		4	0 4
Fairview College	14				14	0 14
Grande Prairie Regional College	29		7		36	0 36
Grant MacEwan College	173		8		181	0 181
Keyano College	16		2		18	0 18
Lakeland College	33		3		36	0 36
Lethbridge Community College	17		16		33	0 33
Medicine Hat College	6		15		21	0 21
Mount Royal College	12		129		141	0 141
NorQuest College	9				9	0 9
Northern Lakes College	8				8	0 8
Olds College	9		1		10	0 10
Portage College	13		1		14	0 14
Red Deer College	47		24		71	0 71
TOTAL	387	0	213	0	600	0 600
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES						
Augustana University College	12		6		18	0 18
Canadian University College			1		1	0 1
Concordia University College of Alberta	20				20	0 20
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary	4		13		17	0 17
The King's University College	4				4	0 4
Nazarene University College					0	0 0
Taylor University College and Seminary	3				3	0 3
TOTAL	43	0	20	0	63	0 63
PRIVATE COLLEGES						
Blue Quills First Nations College					0	0 0
Maskwachees Cultural College					0	0 0
Prairie Bible College						
Rocky Mountain College					0	0 0
St. Mary's College			8		8	0 8
Yellowhead Tribal College					0	0 0
TOTAL	0	0	8	0	8	0 8
OTHER	10	0	65	2	75	2 77
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	804	0	484	2	1,288	2 1,290
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	223	0	0	0	223	0 223
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	1,027	0	484	2	1,511	2 1,513

MOBILITY TABLE 4
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Private Colleges with Accredited Degrees
Fall 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION														Total	GRAND
	Augustana	CUC	Concordia	King's	Nazarene	Taylor ¹										
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.
UNIVERSITIES																
Athabasca University	3	1	1		7	4	3	2			1				15	7
University of Alberta	6		3		41	25	17	4			4				71	29
University of Calgary	1		2		1	3	1								5	3
The University of Lethbridge	2		2	8	1		1								6	8
TOTAL	12	1	5	5	50	32	22	6	0	0	5	0	0	0	97	47
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES																
NAIT	4				20	5	5								29	5
SAIT			1	13			1		1						3	13
TOTAL	4	0	1	13	20	5	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	18
PUBLIC COLLEGES																
Alberta College of Art & Design															0	0
Bow Valley College															0	0
Fairview College															0	0
Grande Prairie Regional College	2				4	1									6	1
Grant MacEwan College	7				72	18	12	3			1				92	21
Koyano College	2				5		1								8	0
Lakeland College	2				4		1				1				8	0
Lethbridge Community College					1										1	0
Medicine Hat College			1						1						2	0
Mount Royal College	4		1				1		1	1					6	2
NorQuest College					2										2	0
Northern Lakes College					2										2	0
Olds College			1				1								1	1
Portage College					1										1	0
Red Deer College	4		9		4		2		1		2				22	0
TOTAL	21	0	12	0	95	21	16	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	151	25
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES																
Augustana University College				1	7	1	1								9	2
Canadian University College	1														1	0
Concordia University College of Alberta	3							1							3	1
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary			1		1	1									2	1
The King's University College					1	1					3				4	1
Nazarene University College							1								1	0
Taylor University College and Seminary								3							3	0
TOTAL	4	0	2	1	6	3	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	23	5
PRIVATE COLLEGES																
Blue Quills First Nations College															0	0
Maskwachees Cultural College	2	1			1										3	1
Prairie Bible College	1		1	2	1		2				1	1			6	3
Rocky Mountain College	1								1				1		2	1
St. Mary's College							1								1	0
Yellowhead Tribal College					1										1	0
TOTAL	4	1	1	2	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	13	5
OTHER																
	6	0	0	0	13	6	3	0	4	0	1	1			27	7
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	51	2	24	24	190	67	55	10	9	1	14	3	343	107	450	
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	22	2	43	43	21	15	21		9	2	17	2	133	64	197	
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	73	4	67	67	211	82	76	10	18	3	31	5	476	171	647	

¹ Taylor University College and Seminary was previously North American Baptist College.

MOBILITY TABLE 5
Number of Full- and Part-Time Students Transferring to
Alberta Private Colleges
Fall 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

Fall 2006 (Non-Comparative)																
SENDING INSTITUTION	RECEIVING INSTITUTION															
	Blue Quills ¹		MCC		PBC		RMC		St. Mary's		Yellowhead ¹		Total		GRAND	
	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.	F.T.	P.T.
UNIVERSITIES																
Athabasca University			1								1				1	1
University of Alberta															0	0
University of Calgary							2		6	2					8	2
The University of Lethbridge							2		1						3	0
TOTAL	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	12	3
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES																
NAIT															0	0
SAIT					1										1	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
PUBLIC COLLEGES																
Alberta College of Art & Design															0	0
Bow Valley College															0	0
Fairview College			1												1	0
Grande Prairie Regional College			1												1	0
Grant MacEwan College			6		1				1						8	0
Keyano College			1												1	0
Lakeland College			1		1										2	0
Lethbridge Community College															0	0
Medicine Hat College															0	0
Mount Royal College			2		1		4	1	3	1					10	2
NorQuest College			4												4	0
Northern Lakes College															0	0
Olds College															0	0
Portage College			1												1	0
Red Deer College						1	2								2	1
TOTAL	0	0	17	0	3	1	6	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	30	3
PRIVATE COLLEGES WITH ACCREDITED DEGREES																
Augustana University College															0	0
Canadian University College															0	0
Concordia University College of Alberta															0	0
DeVry Institute of Technology-Calgary															0	0
The King's University College															0	0
Nazarene University College															0	0
Taylor University College and Seminary															0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRIVATE COLLEGES																
Blue Quills First Nations College															0	0
Maskwachees Cultural College															0	0
Prairie Bible College															0	0
Rocky Mountain College					2										2	0
St. Mary's College															0	0
Yellowhead Tribal College			1												1	0
TOTAL	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
OTHER																
	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
TOTAL WITHIN-PROVINCE	0	0	19	0	6	1	14	3	11	4	0	0	0	0	50	8
TOTAL INTO-PROVINCE	0	0	4	0	41	2	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	3
TOTAL TRANSFER STUDENTS	0	0	23	0	47	3	30	4	11	4	0	0	0	0	111	11

¹ Blue Quills First Nations College and Yellowhead Tribal College did not report for Fall 2003.

MOBILITY TABLE 6

Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring by Sector

Fall 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

	Within-Province			Into-Province			GRAND TOTAL
	F.T.	P.T.	Sub-total	F.T.	P.T.	Sub-total	
TO Universities ¹	4,139	814	4,953	1,461	760	2,221	7,174
TO Public Colleges	2,591	485	3,076	1,112	254	1,366	4,442
TO Technical Institutes	1,288	2	1,290	223	0	223	1,513
TO Private Colleges with Accredited Degrees	343	107	450	133	64	197	647
TO Private Colleges	50	8	58	61	3	64	122
GRAND TOTAL	8,411	1,416	9,827	2,990	1,081	4,071	13,898

¹ Since 2000, the number of students reported by AU to be transferring "Into-Province" is sharply lower than in previous years. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU.

MOBILITY TABLE 7
Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring Within Province
Fall 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Change 2002-03	Percentage Change 2002-03
TO Universities ¹	4,116	4,338	4,204	4,541	4,957	5,011	4,634	4,799	4,953	154	3.2%
TO Public Colleges ²	2,318	2,198	2,293	2,649	2,794	2,459	2,982	3,248	3,076	-172	-5.3%
TO Technical Institutes ³	2,178	2,027	2,050	1,922	916	753	922	881	1,290	409	46.4%
TO Vocational Colleges	305	282	244	281	295						
TO Private Colleges with Accredited Degrees ⁴	334	248	207	251	244	286	248	303	450	147	48.5%
TO Private Colleges ⁵				36	80	236	37	39	58	19	48.7%
GRAND TOTAL	9,251	9,093	8,998	9,680	9,286	8,745	8,823	9,270	9,827	557	6.0%

MOBILITY TABLE 8
Total Number of Transfer Students Transferring Within and Into Province
Fall 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 (Non-Cumulative)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Change 2002-03	Percentage Change 2002-03
TO Universities ¹	6,536	6,220	6,415	7,808	8,706	7,486	7,134	7,063	7,174	111	1.6%
TO Public Colleges ²	3,410	3,137	3,506	3,973	4,335	3,760	4,351	4,810	4,442	-368	-7.7%
TO Technical Institutes ³	2,615	2,706	2,656	2,569	1,046	938	1,140	1,222	1,513	291	23.8%
TO Vocational Colleges	392	309	293	311	384						
TO Private Colleges with Accredited Degrees ⁴	429	344	308	353	311	371	336	456	647	191	41.9%
TO Private Colleges ⁵				72	98	341	57	64	122	58	90.6%
GRAND TOTAL	13,382	12,716	13,178	15,086	14,880	12,896	13,018	13,615	13,898	283	2.1%

¹ Since 2000, AU data are not comparable to previous years because of a procedural change at AU. Most AU program students will not be applying for credit transfer until they have completed 6 credits toward their degree and as a result there will be significant under-reporting of transfer activity at AU. Prior to 2001, UofA's data for "Into-Province" included high school students.

² The four former Vocational Colleges are reported in the Public College Sector beginning in Fall 2000.

³ NAIT introduced a new student information system in the 1999-2000 academic year. Reporting may have been problematic in 2000 as program set up and data entry errors may have led to reduced detection of transfer students that year.

⁴ CUC did not report in 2001.

⁵ Private colleges first reported in 1998. In 2001, data for Alberta College-Edmonton are reported in the Public Colleges Sector and data from Taylor University College and Seminary are reported in the Private Colleges with Accredited Degrees sector. Maskwachees Cultural College did not report in 2002. Blue Quills First Nations College and Yellowhead Tribal College did not report in 2003. Prairie Bible College first reported in Fall 2003.

